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Amendment and Response to Office Action

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, Paper No. 10 ("Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing beyond those provided for in the documents accompanying this amendment. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, authorization to charge such fees is provided in the accompanying transmittal letter.